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water supply through this section, and I do not believe any section of water supply will be felt for several years. I am also of the firm belief that as this southwest area is intensely developed industrially our underground water supply cannot be sufficient, and Torrance should, in my opinion, arrange to join the Metropolitan Water District, bringing Colorado River water to this section. I believe the necessity of having the Colorado River water supply available will be felt within a fifteen year period. Torrance cannot afford to go to sleep.

PRESENT AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLY

"Now about the present available water supply. Your opinion can be governed in this particular by conditions in this immediate territory. I call to your attention the following facts, and present for your information tabulation of various wells in this district.

Table with columns: WELL, LOCATION, GALS. PER MIN., GALS. PER DAY. Lists wells like Maneta No. 13, Lomita No. 1, etc.

"This is the reported production of these various wells in widely scattered portions of Torrance and immediate surroundings, territory with which you are familiar. It is evident from this tabulation that either one of the first two wells listed is capable of supplying more than two and one-half times the amount of water that is being disposed of by the present water company in Torrance at the present time, and that two wells having a capacity equal to either one of the last four tabulated wells would be sufficient to supply more water than is now being used in Torrance. I personally do not believe there is any serious alarm to be felt from lack of immediate water supply.

- 1. How the cost of the project is to be taken care of?
2. How the bonds are to be retired and when?
3. Whether or not there will be an assessment on property.
4. Whether taxes will be raised?
5. Whether vacant lots will be taxed.

GENERAL PLAN OF FINANCING

"The estimated cost of the proposed water system as has been stated is \$400,000.00. Bonds will run for a period of thirty (30) years and will be sold by the City at a price not below par.

"The rate of interest which these bonds shall earn on the same cannot be definitely stated, however, it cannot exceed 6% and they should be salable at a premium around 5%.

"No principal payment on the bonds need be made until the eighth year, at which time the first payment will be equal to one twenty-third (1/23) of the total amount of bonds sold plus interest, and annually thereafter payments in the amount of one twenty-third (1/23) of the total amount of bonds sold will be made. Interest must be paid semi-annually.

"There will be no assessments placed against any piece of property within the City of Torrance to pay off these bonds. It is proposed to maintain the plant and to pay the indebtedness and interest out of revenues from sale of water, consequently taxes should not be raised through the providing of this water system.

PROPOSED WATER RATES

"The rates as estimated to be charged are predicated on the sale of water, domestic and industrial, in quantity equal to the amount of water sold by the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company in the year 1927, together with a conservative yearly increase in sales of water to new consumers.

"Upon this basis a rate of \$1.10 per 1000 cubic feet for water sold for domestic use, and a rate of \$0.55 per 1000 cubic feet (after the first 10,000 cubic feet) to be made for water used for industrial or commercial purposes. Upon the basis outlined revenues from the sale of water will be sufficient to maintain the plant, provide funds to pay off interest and bond payments starting with the eighth year, and sufficient to lay aside surplus to cover needed extensions. It should be possible at the end of the seventh year to reduce the rate for domestic use to less than \$1.00 per 1000 cubic feet.

"Where properly owners sign up for service before the work of installing the mains opposite the lot to be served, there will be no charge made by the City for meters and service lines will be brought from the mains to the property line where the owners will connect up to the meters.

THE PRESENT RATES AND HOW ESTABLISHED

"All water users receiving bills are familiar with the charges made here in Torrance at the present time, which is \$1.35 for 500 cubic feet of water, \$2.25 for the first 1000 cubic feet and for the second, third and fourth thousand cubic feet of water \$1.50 per thousand. This rate was fixed by the California Railroad Commission in 1922 as fair on an allowed valuation at that time of \$145,000.00. However, at the time of this hearing fixing this rate Mr. J. G. Hunter, Assistant Engineer for the Railroad Commission estimated the original cost of the plant to have

been \$138,923.00, but the Railroad Commission allowed \$145,000.00 as a fair value taking into consideration the years of profit preceding 1922. This estimate of \$145,000.00 in 1922 included riveted pipe valued at \$12,337.00 and standard grey pipe valued at \$8,172.00, the last two items amounting to \$21,509.00. A large part of the riveted pipe referred to in the above estimate was abandoned before the present water company purchased the plant from the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, and its value when sold was not set up as an asset by the old company when the present company took charge. The rate granted above was allowed by the Railroad Commission as fair on the then capital investment and allowed operative costs and depreciation annuity charges, and as since 1922 about

\$35,000.00 was spent on extensions and equipment for the system. It is to be assumed that if 8% was allowed the water company by the Railroad Commission as a fair rate on its then capital investment, and \$35,000.00 has been since added in extensions, certainly the Railroad Commission could not consistently deny the company a raise of rates, and provided the company should actually drill wells and build a water tower, buy lands, and probably spend another \$100,000.00 which \$100,000.00 would in no way be sufficient to provide for building a reservoir and treatment plant, together with what they already proposed to invest in extensions, there would probably be no justification at all for denying the raise in rate if asked, especially if the Railroad Commission were to take into consideration payrolls and overhead at the present time.

"It is scarcely possible to conceive a more opportune time than the present to proceed with this work, probably never was there a time when orders for material are more sought than now, and this is the best time to be reflected in prices offered. Since there has not been in the last several years so many people needing work, and as at least one-third of the entire cost of the project will go to labor expended, we should be able to take advantage of these conditions and of these low prices to be offered and afford as much employment as possible at this time to Torrance labor, and urge that as much Torrance help be employed on the work as can possibly be used.

"In my opinion, the City of Torrance will within the next fifteen years be obliged to install a municipally owned system. As I see it, this will be imperative if Torrance is to become a real industrial center and keep pace with other surrounding industrial areas. We must let the world know that we are not curtailed as to water supply. No question mark as to being able to secure ample water must be in the minds of industrialists seeking location if Torrance is to advance.

"In my opinion, the ultimate source of supply for Torrance is from the Colorado River to be delivered through our membership in the Metropolitan Water District. The Metropolitan Water District does not propose to sell water to privately owned water companies, and the only way Torrance can participate in this supply is to join the Metropolitan Water District, put in its own water distribution system and proceed to function as a municipally owned plant.

FINAL ANALYSIS

"In the final analysis it would appear to me to be a question for the people to decide at this time, whether the City of Torrance shall provide for future growth and be able to advertise to the world that this City has provided for future necessities so far as its water problem is concerned, and that we have taken the necessary steps to augment our local water supply in an adequate manner by providing a municipal plant through which to distribute this supply when needed or whether it is going to be necessary for our Chamber of Commerce and other publicity agencies to continue explaining what is intended to be done in the future in this regard.

"To those who may be of the opinion that action should be deferred to some future time, I will call attention to the fact that should this matter be deferred for a period of ten years and then it became necessary to obtain supply from other sources than underground sources, which would undoubtedly be from the Colorado River, the expense at that time the City would incur to become a member of the Metropolitan Water District would be so enormous it would be almost staggering, and particularly I would call attention to the fact that for a ten year period the savings between the proposed City rate and the present rate would amount to approximately \$385,000.00. This being almost equal to the entire proposed expenditure, and if the building of this plant shall be deferred for a fifteen year period the loss of savings would amount to over half a million dollars. It seems to me good business policy would prompt us to grasp this advantage.

"Respectfully submitted, F. R. LEONARD, City Engineer of Torrance."

Charge Collector of Using Collections

Charged with appropriating \$114 of the Mayfair Creamery Company's money for his own use, according to police, Oliver Sherman, 25, of Los Angeles, a collector for the company, was arrested on a warrant signed by John C. Butte, manager, Saturday.

When he appeared for arraignment before Police Judge Rippey in the afternoon, Sherman demanded two days to consider his plea and to obtain an attorney. Later, however, he changed his mind and pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was released on his own recognizance in custody of a friend who vouched for his appearance for trial next Saturday afternoon.

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EDITORIAL

Vote Early for Publicly - Owned Water Plant

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Contrast this deplorable condition with the facilities provided by the proposed municipal system. A huge two-unit COVERED reservoir will be built, so that one-half may be cleaned periodically while the other half remains full of pure clean water. And as a further safety precaution, an immense elevated storage tank will be built with a capacity of 250,000 gallons which will be an emergency supply in the event of a major earthquake. This tank will be built of steel and mounted on an understructure imbedded in deep concrete. It designed to withstand any kind of a calamity.

6. Another advantage of the municipal water plant will be the maintenance of good pressure 24 hours of the day for every section of the district. No longer will you have to rush through your dinner in order to sprinkle your lawn before seven o'clock, or wait for your neighbor to finish his irrigating. A strong and constant pressure will be maintained by the elevated storage tank, 24 hours of every day in the year.

Why anyone will hesitate to vote YES on the water proposition September 25, is beyond my comprehension, except for those few individuals who are BEING PAID BY THE TORRANCE WATER, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY. When you can out your water bill in half without adding one cent to your tax bill and at the same time secure pure, sweet, healthful water at a constant pressure, there can be no REAL OBJECTION to the proposed municipal water system.

Put a red circle around the 25th of September on your calendar, and BE SURE AND VOTE "YES." We must get two votes for the water company's one, and every vote for the good of Torrance is needed. If the necessary two-thirds majority is not obtained, it is heart-sickening to think of what is ahead of Torrance. We have nothing to look forward to but stinking water, and possibly still higher rates. There is nothing to prevent it, as the water company has a perpetual easement over the streets of Torrance and the City Council has no power to regulate the rates of the private company. Let's not go to sleep and let the Eastern capitalists who own our present water system wax fat at the expense of the hard working people of this industrial city.

Let every loyal Torrance citizen rise up and fight for his rights. Too long have we endured the tyranny of private interests and paid three times the average water rate charged by other city-owned water departments. Let us not be swerved from the clear cut issue by smooth tongued orators or subtle propagandists hired by private water lords to befuddle the issue and juggle the facts. There will be only ONE VOTING PRECINCT for EVERY VOTER in the Districts. It will be at the FIRE HALL on Cravens avenue. Women and business people should vote in the morning so the factory men can cast their ballots after 4:30. Voting poll will open at 6 a.m., Thursday, September 25, and close at 7 p.m.

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WOMEN WAR WORKERS REPORT ON PARIS MEET

LOMITA.—At a meeting of the Women's Overseas Service League held Tuesday evening in Los Angeles, Miss Helma Greenlund and Miss Jessie Brown, delegates to the Service League convention in Paris, delivered their reports. Miss Greenlund and Miss Brown are both employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at Lomita.

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Youngsters Have "Restless Feet"

Exactly one-half minute after Mrs. Harry F. Miller, of 916 Arapahoe avenue, had reported the disappearance of her two-year-old son to police, she again called Tuesday morning and stated that the youthful wanderer had been found. "That makes about the 16th youngster that's been reported lost to us since school started," Sergeant John Stroh declared as he hung up the phone. "Every time school re-opens these Torrance youngsters get restless feet and want to go places unannounced."

VETERAN IN HOSPITAL

LOMITA.—Gene Beckman of Lomita Drive who recently underwent an operation at the Veterans hospital in Savelle, is in the hospital again, this time for a tonsillectomy. He will return to his home here Sunday.

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Vital Statistics Were Not Kept Complete in State's Early Days

SACRAMENTO. (UP)—"According to the state bureau of vital statistics," California newspapers often carry this line in items, but few citizens know the story behind the development of this important bureau in state activities.

There was a time in California when births, deaths and marriages were kept in a desultory fashion. Inconceivable as it may seem to us today, these records were not considered important. Not until 1905 was this state admitted to the United States death registration area, a classification which means that the state has fulfilled rigid requirements in maintenance of its records.

HELENA, Mont. (UP)—Joyce Jones' giggles have cost her \$10. Peals of unrestrained laughter on Helena streets that continued in spite of urgent suggestions that she be more temperate in her merriment, landed the comely young woman in jail the other night. She pleaded guilty to giggling and was sentenced \$10.

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Fish Columbia River Salmon Steaks - lb. 22c; Northern Halibut Steaks - lb. 28c.

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